

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

APPLICANT: Equitable Production Company

**DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL
DOCKET NO. VGOB 89-0126-0009-48**

RELIEF SOUGHT: MODIFICATION OF NORA COALBED GAS UNIT NOS.:

AS-55 (VC-3633), AS-56 (VC-4649), AS-57 (VC-3760), AS-58 (VC-4647) AT-55 (P351C), AT-56 (VC-3667), AT-58 (VC-3682), AU-57 (VC-3622) AV-53 (VC-3966), AV-54 (VC-3310), AV-55 (VC-4514), AW-53 (VC-3438), AW-54 (VC-4521), AW-55 (VC-3896), AX-53 (VC-4258), AX-54 (VC-3561).

AFFECTED UNITS: (See Attached Exhibit A)

APPLICATION

1. Applicant and its counsel: Applicant is **Equitable Production Company** 1710 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, West Virginia, 25302, (800) 926-1759. Applicant's Counsel is James E. Kaiser 220 Broad Street, Suite 210, Kingsport, TN 37660 (423) 578-3838.

2. Relief sought: (1) Modification of the Nora Coalbed Methane Gas Field Rules, to allow one additional coalbed gas well to be drilled within each of the 58.77 acre Nora Units identified above. (2) For an administrative order providing that additional well permits may be issued in the Nora Field after this application is filed and while it is pending.

3. Legal authority: 4 VAC 25-160-50 and § 45.1-361.20 of the Code of Virginia.

4. Proposed provisions of order sought: That one additional coalbed methane gas well may be drilled in each of the above referenced Nora Units; that the second well be located at least 600 feet from the nearest coalbed methane well; (and that production/royalties from each coalbed methane well drilled in the said Units shall continue to be allocated solely to the owners and claimants of and to the coalbed methane within the Unit in which the well is located.)

5. Type of wells and field: Coalbed methane frac wells within the portion of the Nora Coalbed Gas Field described above, and as depicted in the attached Exhibit A.

6. Formations subject to application: All coal beds and coal seams including all Pennsylvania aged coals from the top of the Raven, but not limited to Jawbone, Greasy Creek, C-Seam, War Creek, Beckley, Lower Horsepen, X-Seam, Poca 6, Poca 5, Poca 3, Poca 2, and any unnamed coal seams and other associated formations known as the Nora Coalbed Gas Field.

7. Description of interest/claim of persons being notified: Coalbed methane.

8. Estimated ultimate recovery in each Nora Unit identified above: 250 MMCF

9. Plat: See Exhibit A annexed hereto.

10. **The boundaries and acreage affected:** see Exhibit A annexed hereto.

11. **Attestation:** The foregoing application to the best of my knowledge, information and belief is true and correct.

Equitable Production Company

By: 

James E. Kaiser
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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY OF DICKENSON**

I, James E. Kaiser, after being duly sworn upon oath, state as follows:

1. I am responsible for the notification process required by VA. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.19 and VR 480-05-22.2 § 4.
2. That Equitable Production Company has exercised due diligence in attempting to locate and notice all owners and claimants who are unleased and/or who were not previously pooled by prior order(s) of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board regarding **the Nora Coalbed Gas Field**, all as required by Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.19 and VR 480-05-22.2.
3. That on **March 20, 2009** a true and correct copy of the Notice of Hearing with Exhibits will be mailed, via certified mail return receipt requested, to all owners and claimants listed in Exhibit B for whom mailing addresses were then available.
4. That Equitable Production Company will continue to exercise due diligence in attempting to locate and identify the names and/or addresses of any unknown of unlocatable parties and, if located or identified, will notify them of Equitable Production Company's application.

I have read the foregoing, and the information given above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



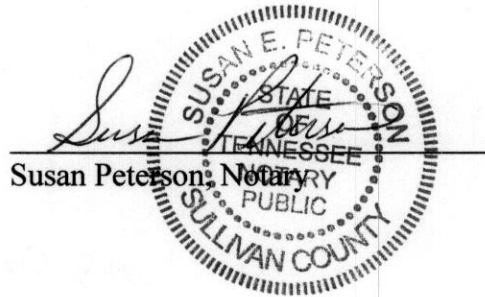
James E. Kaiser
Counsel for
Equitable Production Company

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SULLIVAN

TAKEN, SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20th day of
March, 2009.



My commission expires: October 24, 2012.

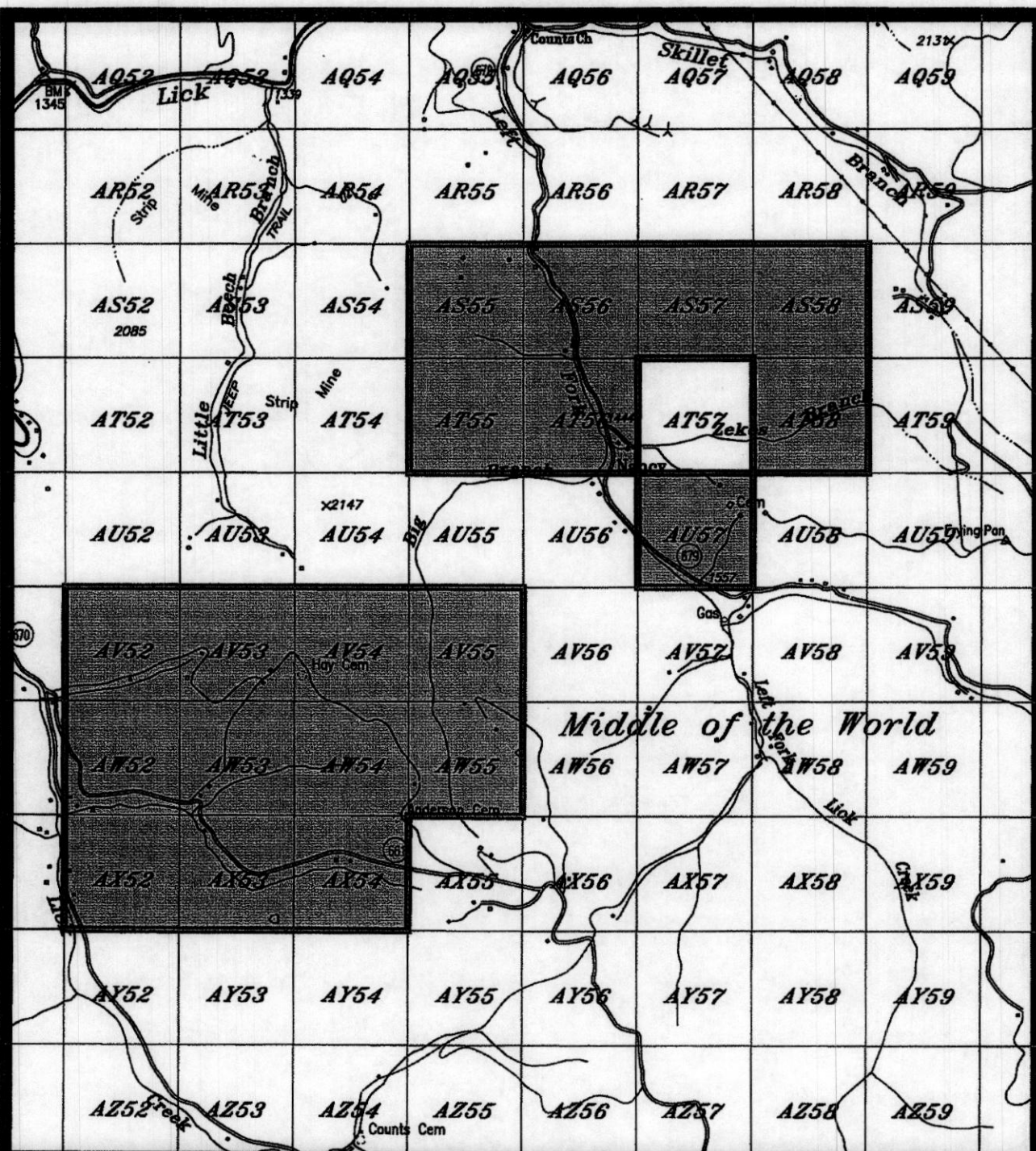


EXHIBIT A
Middle of the World
INCREASED DENSITY DRILLING, NORA FIELD

SCALE: 1" = 2000'

Date: February 16, 2009



EXHIBIT "B"
Increased Density
Middle of the World

Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc.
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Abingdon, VA 24212

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Vice President of VA/KY Engineering
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Archie V. Deel
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Donna J. Grizzle
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Lisa K. Ball, H/W
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EXHIBIT "B"
Increased Density
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Virginia Kay Williamson and
Marvin E. Williamson, W/H
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Anthony, FL 32617

Daniel Edward Hay
118 Farmhill Dr.
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Ocala, FL 34472

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**APPLICANT: Equitable Production Company DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL
DOCKET NO. 89-0126-0009-48**

**RELIEF SOUGHT: MODIFICATION OF
NORA COALBED GAS FIELD**

AFFECTED UNITS: Multiple (See Attached Exhibit A)

NOTICE OF HEARING

HEARING DATE: April 21, 2009

**PLACE: Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
Campus of Virginia Highlands Community College
Abingdon, Virginia**

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:

To: See Exhibit "B" attached hereto:

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8. **Estimated ultimate recovery in each Nora Unit identified above:** 250 MMCF

9. **Plat:** See Exhibit A annexed hereto.

10. **The boundaries and acreage affected:** See Exhibit A annexed hereto.

11. **Attestation:** The foregoing notice to the best of my knowledge, information and belief is true and correct.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause has been set for hearing and the taking of evidence at the time and place first stated above and that notice will be published as required by law and the Rules of the Virginia Gas and Oil Board.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that you may attend this hearing, with or without an attorney, and offer evidence or state any comments you have. For further information or a copy of the application and any exhibits thereto, you may contact the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, State Oil and Gas Inspector, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Gas and Oil, P.O. Box 1416, Abingdon, Virginia 24410, (276) 676-5423 or the Applicant at the address shown below.

Equitable Production Company

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NOTICE OF HEARING BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES, MINERALS &
ENERGY, DIVISION OF GAS AND OIL
Docket Number VGOB-89-0126-0009-48

Well Numbers: AS-55 (VC-3633), AS-56 (VC-4649), AS-57 (VC-3760), AS-58 (VC-4647) AT-55 (P351C), AT-56 (VC-3667), AT-58 (VC-3682), AU-57 (VC-3622) AV-53 (VC-3966), AV-54 (VC-3310), AV-55 (VC-4514), AW-53 (VC-3438), AW-54 (VC-4521), AW-55 (VC-3896), AX-53 (VC-4258), AX-54 (VC-3561).

To: All persons, their known and unknown heirs, executors, administrators, devisees, assigns and successors, owning an interest in the gas, oil, coal or minerals underlying the Well Numbers: AS-55 (VC-3633), AS-56 (VC-4649), AS-57 (VC-3760), AS-58 (VC-4647) AT-55 (P351C), AT-56 (VC-3667), AT-58 (VC-3682), AU-57 (VC-3622) AV-53 (VC-3966), AV-54 (VC-3310), AV-55 (VC-4514), AW-53 (VC-3438), AW-54 (VC-4521), AW-55 (VC-3896), AX-53 (VC-4258), AX-54 (VC-3561) is situated on a spur approximately 7600 feet Southwest of the Intersection of Routes 661 and 670 on the waters of Lick Creek, and approximately 9.00 miles Southwest of Birchleaf in the Ervinton District of Dickenson County, Virginia.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Equitable Production Company, 1710 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston, West Virginia, 25302, is requesting that the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereinafter "Board") issue an order pooling all the rights, interests, and estates pursuant to Virginia Code Ann. § 45.1-361.1 *et seq.* in regard to the drilling, development and production of oil, gas and coalbed methane from drilling Units: AS-55 (VC-3633), AS-56 (VC-4649), AS-57 (VC-3760), AS-58 (VC-4647) AT-55 (P351C), AT-56 (VC-3667), AT-58 (VC-3682), AU-57 (VC-3622) AV-53 (VC-3966), AV-54 (VC-3310), AV-55 (VC-4514), AW-53 (VC-3438), AW-54 (VC-4521), AW-55 (VC-3896), AX-53 (VC-4258), AX-54 (VC-3561) containing approximately 58.77 acres, located on the above-referenced tracts.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause has been set for hearing and the taking of evidence before the Board at 9:00 a.m. on April 21, 2009 at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Abingdon, Virginia.

All interested persons may attend this hearing, with or without an attorney, and offer evidence or state any comments you have. For further information, contact the Virginia Gas and Oil Board, State Gas and Oil Inspector, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Division of Gas and Oil, P.O. Box 1416, Abingdon, Virginia, 24210, (276) 676-5423 or the Applicant at the address shown above.

